

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE 22 NOV 62 0200Z

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ROUTING

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM :

EO 12958 3.3(b) (1) >25Yrs

ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

INFO : S/C (11)

PRIORITY

TOR: 22 NOV 62 0226Z

IN 56588

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INFO

CITE

 6996

OXCART

NO NIGHT ACTION

ACFT NUMBER THREE FLEW FLIGHT NUMBER SIXTEEN FOR TWO HOURS AND FORTY-FOUR MINUTES ON 21 NOV. PILOT EASTHAM. TAKEOFF AT 1005 HOURS WITH GROSS WEIGHT 89,000 POUNDS AND CG AT 19.5 PERCENT. AB TAKEOFF AND AB CLIMB TO 10,000 FEET. MILITARY CLIMB TO 28,500 FEET AT 300 KEAS. CRUISED AT 315. FIRST INS CHECK POINT WAS N. E. CORNER OF GUPPY, APPROPRIATE DATA RECORDED. DIALED IN POINT NUMBER THREE ON INS AND STORED POSITION. MADE NUMBER TWO PACKAGE RUN ON GRADUALLY INCREASED ALTITUDE TO 30,000 FEET AND REDUCED SPEED TO 277 KEAS AND SLOWLY RETURNED TO 28,500 FEET AND 315 KNOTS. NEXT POINT WAS HOME PLATE. RETURNED TO DRIFTSIGHT WORKED GOOD. MADE PHOTO RUN, PILOT OPERATED FOCUS DRIVE BUTTON. PILOT THEN MADE SPEED AND POWER RUN AT 28,500 FEET HOLDING 315 KEAS AND RECORDED VARIOUS DATA.

NEXT, MADE THREE CAMERA PASSES OVER FOCUS DRIVE BUTTON

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DEPRESSED AFTER EACH RUN AND APPROPRIATE DATA CALLED OUT INTO RECORDER. MADE SECOND SPEED AND POWER RUN, A REPEAT OF FIRST. RETURNED TO [] AND PHOTOGRAPHED TARGETS STILL AT 28,500 FEET AND 315 KTS. STORED INS POSITION OVER CHECK POINT.

MADE THREE ADDITIONAL CAMERA RUNS OVER OK TARGET. STORED INS POSITION AND HEADED FOR SWORD. INS HEADING NEEDLE WAS POINTING SOUTH OF DESIRED POINT. PILOT ESTIMATES FIVE TO TEN MILES SOUTH AND HE CORRECTED IN VISUALLY. THIS NUMBER SIX INS CHECK POINT. FIX AND STORED INS POSITION. NEXT POINT [] NEEDLE POINT TO LEFT (THIS MEANS IN BOTH CASES NEEDLE POINTED SOUTH OF DESIRED PATH). PILOT VISUALLY CORRECTED OVER []

[] AND STORED. PROCEEDED TO HOME PLATE FOR INS POSITION. MADE FOURTH SPEED AND POWER RUN. HEADED FOR SWORD, NEEDLE AGAIN POINTING SOUTH, PILOT VISUALLY CORRECTED OVER POINT AND STORED POSITION. HEADED FOR HOME BASE. LET DOWN AND MADE THREE THEODOLITE RUNS DOWN RUNWAY. TRANSFERRED SOME INTERNAL FUEL FORWARD FOR BETTER CG AND LANDED. GOOD CHUTE. BUSY FLIGHT.

END OF MESSAGE